

# ILLUSTRATED CATECHISM

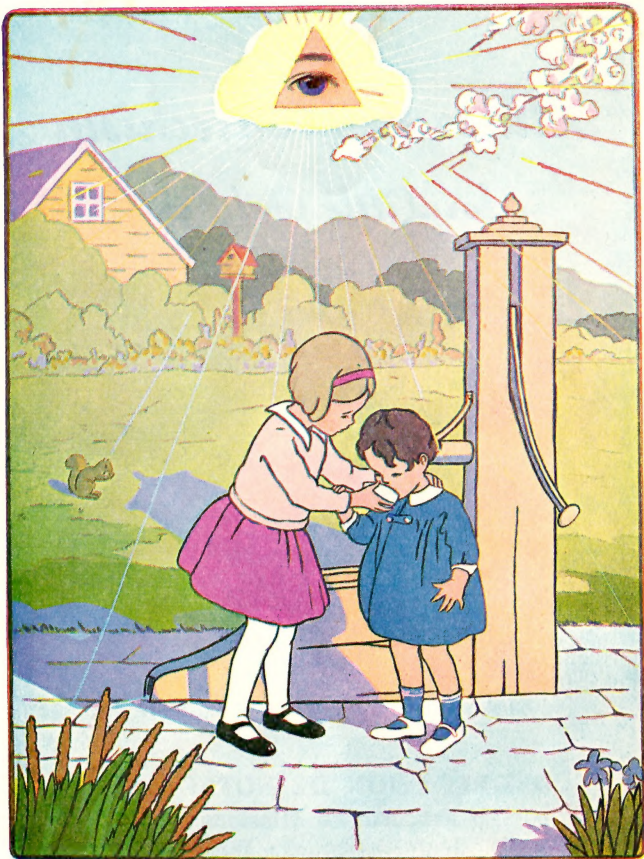
## FOR LITTLE CHILDREN



*Illustrated Catechism*  
*for Little Children*



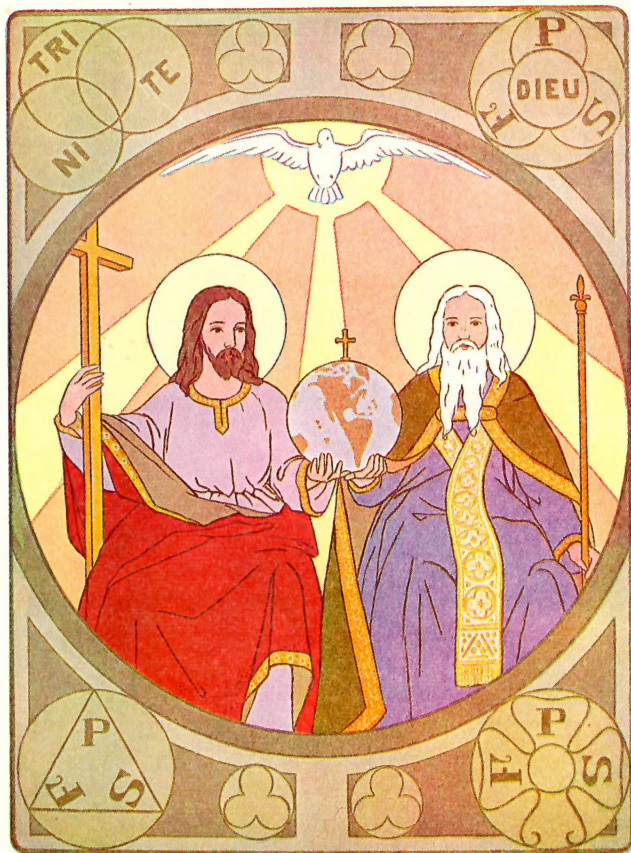
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God sees and knows all things.

## GOD

1. Who made you ?  
— God made me.
2. Can you see God ?  
— No, I cannot see God, because He has no body.
3. What then is God ?  
— God is a pure spirit.
4. Who made God ?  
— Nobody made God, He was always God.
5. Does God see you ?  
— Yes, God sees me at all times.
6. Does God know everything ?  
— Yes, God knows everything, even my most secret thoughts and feelings.
7. Why did God create you ?  
— God created me to know Him, to love Him, and to serve Him.
8. Where is God ?  
— God is everywhere, but He has two homes, one in Heaven, and one in the Tabernacle.



**THE BLESSED TRINITY**  
**Three Persons in One God.**

## **THE BLESSED TRINITY**

9. How many Gods are there ?  
 — There is but one God.
10. How many persons are there in God ?  
 — There are three persons in God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.
11. Are these three persons three Gods ?  
 — No, these three persons are but one God.
12. Can you understand how it is that three persons are but one God ?  
 — No, I could never understand it, no matter how much I tried, for it is a mystery.
13. What name is given to this mystery of three persons in one God ?  
 — It is called the mystery of the Blessed Trinity.



Our Guardian Angel watches over us.

## THE HOLY ANGELS

14. Are there any other spirits besides God?  
— Yes, the angels and our souls are spirits.
15. Why did God create angels?  
— God created the angels to sing His praises and to take care of us.
16. By what name do you know the angel who takes care of you?  
— The angel who takes care of me is called my Guardian Angel.
17. Are there any bad angels?  
— Yes, the bad angels are known by the name of demons or devils.
18. Were these angels always bad?  
— No, God made them good, but they became bad by refusing to obey God.
19. What do the bad angels try to do?  
— The bad angels try to make us fall into sin.



### INCARNATION

God became Man for love of us.

### OUR LORD

27. Who committed the first sin?  
— Adam and Eve, our first parents.
28. Did God take pity on our first parents after their sin?  
— Yes, He promised to send them a Redeemer.
29. Who was this Redeemer?  
— Our Lord Jesus Christ.
30. Who is Our Lord Jesus Christ?  
— Our Lord is the Son of God, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity.
31. What did Our Lord do in order to save us?  
— He came on earth in the form of a little child like us.
32. On what day did He become a little child?  
— On Christmas Day.

**33. Who was the Mother of the Child Jesus ?**

— The Blessed Virgin Mary was the Mother of the Child Jesus.

**34. What is the mystery of God as a little Child called ?**

— It is called the Mystery of the Incarnation.

**35. Did God always remain a little child ?**

— No, He grew up and became a man.

**36. What did He do for us when He was a man ?**

— He suffered all kinds of torments and died upon a cross.

**37. On what day did He die ?**

— On Good Friday.

**38. Why did He die on the Cross ?**

— To open Heaven for us.

**39. What is the mystery of Christ's death called ?**

— The Mystery of the Redemption.

**40. Where was Our Lord's body placed after His death ?**

— His body was placed in a tomb.

**41. Did Our Lord stay in the tomb ?**

— No, He came back to life the third day after He died.

**42. On what day did Christ come back to life ?**

— On Easter Sunday.

**43. Where is Our Lord now ?**

— He is in Heaven and in the Tabernacle.

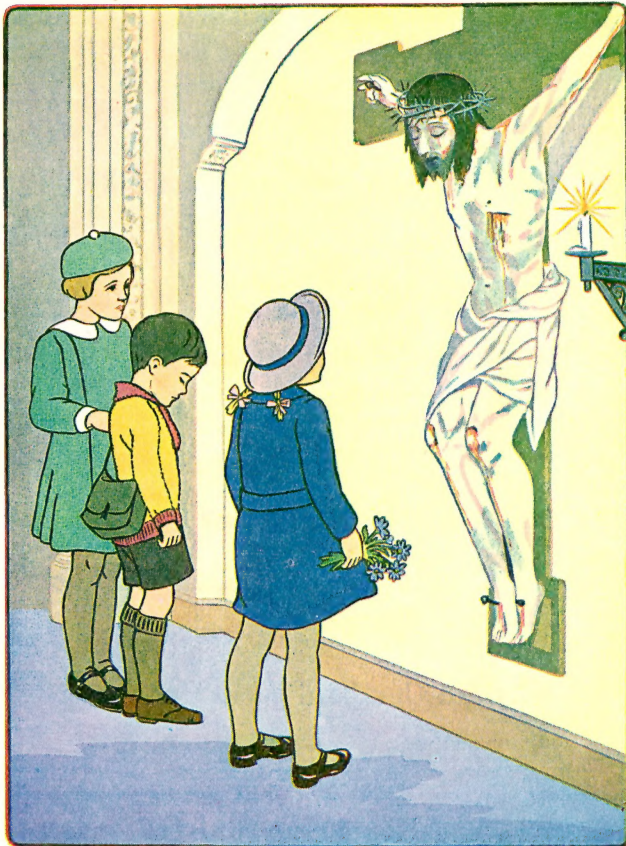
**44. Why did Our Lord go to Heaven ?**

— To prepare a place for us there.

**45. Why does He stay in the Tabernacle ?**

— To come to us in Holy Communion and be with us always.

## SIN



### REDEMPTION

Jesus died to atone for our sins  
and redeem us.

#### 46. What is sin ?

— Sin is an act of disobedience against God, and it is hateful in His sight.

#### 47. Are there big sins and small sins ?

— Yes, big sins displease God much more than small sins do.

#### 48. Does God still think of us as His children when we commit big sins ?

— Yes, God thinks of us as His children and He is always ready to forgive us.

#### 49. What happens when we commit big sins ?

— We lose heaven and deserve hell for displeasing God Who is so good to us.

# GRACE

Holy Scripture compares "Grace" to a SUN which gives life and light to the soul

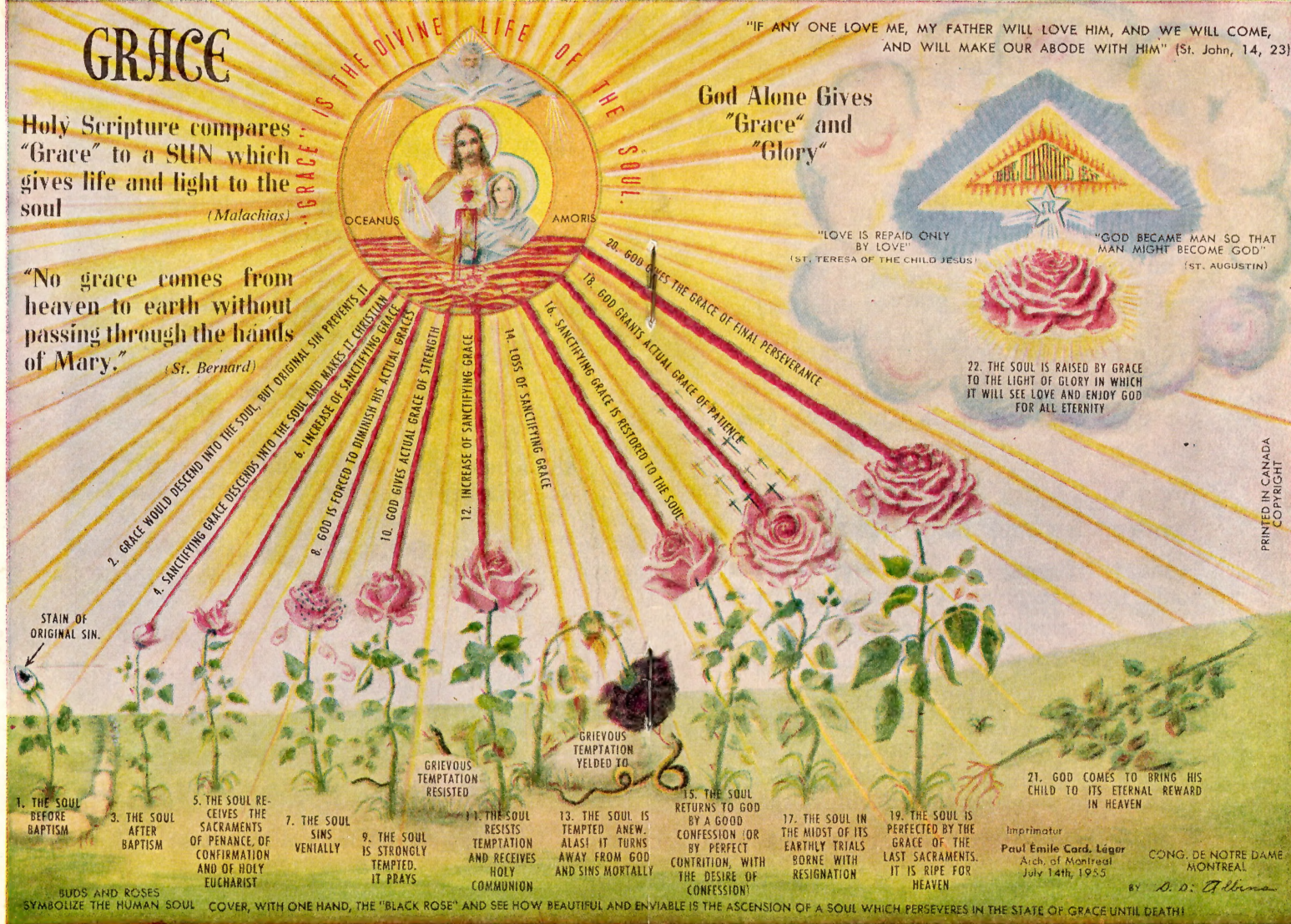
(Malachias)

"No grace comes from heaven to earth without passing through the hands of Mary."

(St. Bernard)

"IF ANY ONE LOVE ME, MY FATHER WILL LOVE HIM, AND WE WILL COME, AND WILL MAKE OUR ABODE WITH HIM" (St. John, 14, 23)

God Alone Gives "Grace" and "Glory"



BUDS AND ROSES SYMBOLIZE THE HUMAN SOUL COVER, WITH ONE HAND, THE "BLACK ROSE" AND SEE HOW BEAUTIFUL AND ENVIABLE IS THE ASCENSION OF A SOUL WHICH PERSEVERES IN THE STATE OF GRACE UNTIL DEATH!

## GRACE

(Explanation of the poster)

- **What is grace?**  
— Grace is divine life in us.
- **Who gives us grace?**  
— God alone gives grace.
- **When does God first give us grace?**  
— At Baptism, sanctifying grace enters the soul and makes it Christian. (*See poster no. 4.*)
- **What happens in the soul that receives Confirmation and Holy Communion?**  
— Sanctifying grace increases in the soul that receives Confirmation and Holy Communion. (*See poster no. 6 and pages 23 and 27.*)
- **What happens when the soul commits venial sins?**  
— God is obliged to diminish His graces (actual) in the soul that commits venial sins. (*See poster no. 8.*)

- **What grace does God give to the soul that prays to resist the temptations of the devil?**  
— God gives the soul grace of strength to resist the temptations of the devil. (*Poster no. 10.*)
- **What happens in the soul that does good deeds?**  
— Sanctifying grace increases in the soul that does good deeds. (*Poster no. 12.*)
- **What happens to the soul that commits a mortal sin?**  
— The soul that commits a mortal sin loses sanctifying grace. (*Poster no. 14.*)
- **How can one recover sanctifying grace?**  
— Sanctifying grace may be recovered by a good confession. (*Poster no. 15 and page 21.*)
- **What happens when a Christian dies in the state of grace?**  
— God comes to get the soul of His child in order to reward it in His beautiful Heaven. (*Poster no. 21 and page 29.*)



**THE PRODIGAL SON**

**"Father, forgive me, for I have sinned."**

## CONFESSION

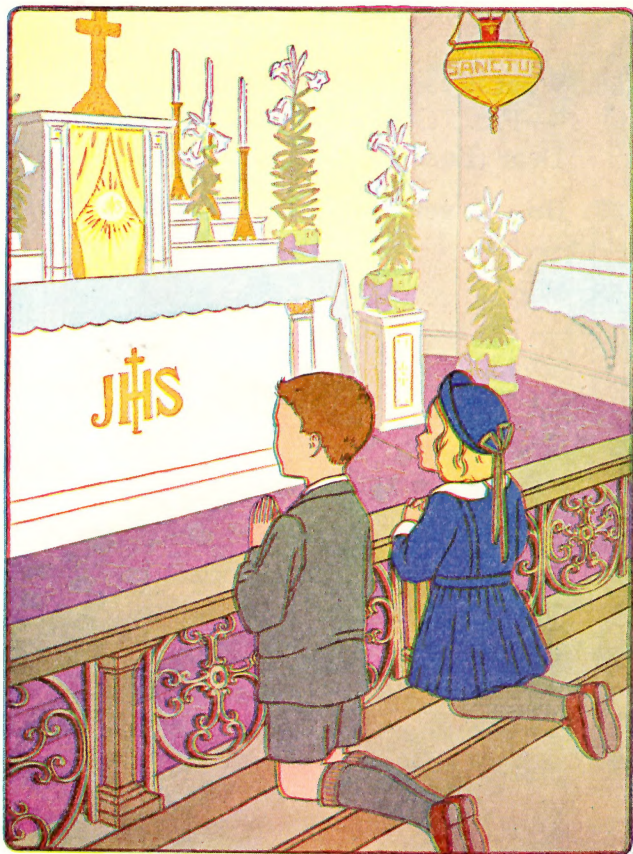
50. **What must we do when we have committed sin ?**  
— We must be sorry for our sins and go to confession to tell them to a priest.
51. **What else must we do ?**  
— We must ask pardon of Our Lord and promise never to displease Him again.
52. **What sins must we tell ?**  
— The sins we have committed.
53. **Why should we tell our sins to a priest ?**  
— We tell our sins to a priest to have them forgiven by God.
54. **Would a person make a good confession who hides a big sin in confession ?**  
— No, he makes a bad confession.
55. **Is it a great sin to make a bad confession ?**  
— Yes, it is a very great sin, which deserves hell.



THE ELEVATION OF THE HOST  
"My Lord and my God."

## COMMUNION

56. **What is First Communion?**  
— First Communion is receiving our Dear Lord, for the first time.
57. **Do you see Our Lord in Communion?**  
— No, I do not see Him.
58. **Why?**  
— Because He is hidden in the little white host.
59. **Who brings Our Lord into the little white host?**  
— The priest, during Holy Mass.
60. **When does Jesus come into the host?**  
— At the words of the priest He comes down from heaven into the host.
61. **What words does the priest say to bring Our Lord into the host?**  
— "This is My Body; this is My Blood".
62. **How does the priest give us Communion?**  
— He places the sacred host on our tongue.



A VISIT TO OUR LORD IN THE BLESSED  
SACRAMENT

"Jesus, sweet Jesus, I love Thee."

63. Should we leave the host on our tongue?

— No, we must swallow it at once.

64. Why?

— So that our Dear Lord may come into our heart.

65. May you eat before Communion?

— We must not eat for three hours before communion.

66. What prayer should you say before Communion?

— I can say as many times as I wish any such prayer as: "Dear Jesus, I believe in Thee, I hope in Thee, I love Thee. Come into my heart."

67. What prayer should you say after swallowing the sacred host?

— I can say many times such a prayer as: "Dear Jesus, I adore Thee, I love Thee, and I thank Thee."

68. What must you do so that Our Lord may always stay in your heart?

— I must never displease Him by committing sin, in thought or word or deed.



**The Sacrament of Confirmation makes us  
Soldiers of Christ.**

## **CONFIRMATION**

**69. What does it mean "to be confirmed"?**

— It means that by the Sacrament of Confirmation, we receive the Holy Ghost the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity.

**70. Can you be confirmed several times?**

— No, we can be confirmed only once, for Confirmation leaves a mark on the soul which can never be effaced.

**71. Who gives you Confirmation?**

— Usually a bishop confirms us, and he does so by tracing the Sign of the Cross on our foreheads with the Holy Chrism.

**72. Why must we be confirmed?**

— We must be confirmed that we may have the strength never to do wrong and be always pleasing to God.

### PRAYERS FOR LITTLE ONES

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Take my body, Jesus,  
Eyes and ears and tongue ;  
Never let them, Jesus,  
Help to do Thee wrong,  
Take my heart and fill it  
Full of love for Thee ;  
All I have I give Thee,  
Give Thyself to me.

#### The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name ; Thy kingdom come ; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them who trespass against us ; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

#### The Angelical Salutation

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee ; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us, sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

#### The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth ; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord ; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell ; the third day He arose again from the dead ; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty ;

thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

#### The Confiteor

I confess to Almighty God, to Blessed Mary ever Virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John the Baptist, to the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, and to all the Saints that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word and deed ; through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault. Therefore, I beseech the Blessed Mary ever Virgin, blessed Michael the Archangel, blessed John the Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, and all the Saints to pray to the Lord our God for me.

May the Almighty God have mercy on me, and forgive me my sins, and bring me to life everlasting. Amen.

May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant me pardon, absolution and remission of my sins. Amen.

#### Act of Faith

O my God, I firmly believe in Thee and all Thou has revealed through The Holy Catholic Church, because Thou art Truth itself who canst neither deceive nor be deceived.

#### Act of Hope

O my God, relying on thy almighty power and infinite mercy and promises, I hope to obtain pardon of my sins, the help of Thy grace, and life everlasting through the merits of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Redeemer.

### Act of Charity

O my God, Who art worthy of all my love and infinite in every perfection, I love Thee with my whole heart and I love my neighbor as myself for the love of Thee.

### Act of Contrition

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee and I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell, but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, who art all good and worthy of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of Thy Grace to confess my sins, to do penance and to amend my life. Amen.

### Prayer to my Guardian Angel

Angel of God, my Guardian dear  
To whom God's love commits me here,  
Ever this day be at my side,  
To light and guard, to rule and guide.  
Amen.

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